



Funeral Bible Readings

Below are a selection of suggested bible readings for a funeral service. You may like to choose a reading or come up with another scripture reading of your choice. Other quotations, poems, and readings may also be shared as part of the funeral.

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 19:1, 23-27b	I know that my Redeemer lives
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11	For everything there is a season
Lamentations 3:17-26, 31-33	The steadfast love of God never ceases
Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord God will swallow up death for ever

PSALM

Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Psalms 27	The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalms 42	My soul thirsts for the living God
Psalms 118:14-21, 28-29	The Lord has become my salvation
Psalms 130	Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 10:34-43	God raised Jesus from death
Romans 5:5-11	God shows his love for us
Romans 6:3-11	We believe that we shall also live with him
Romans 8:38-39	For I am convinced that neither death, nor life
Romans 14:7-9	Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's
1 Corinthians 13:1-8a & 13	The greatest of these is love
1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Christ the first fruits of the dead
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-44, 50-58	How are the dead raised?
2 Corinthians 1:3-7	We are comforted by God
2 Corinthians 4:7-15	He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us
2 Corinthians 4:16 to 5:10	We have a building from God
2 Corinthians 5:17-18	If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation

Galatians 3:27-28	for all of you are one in Christ Jesus
Philippians 3:8-11, 20-21	That I may know him and the power of his resurrection
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	The coming of the Lord
Revelation 7:9-17	God will wipe away every tear from their eyes
Revelation 21:1-7	Behold, I make all things new
Revelation 22:1-7	The Lord God will be their light

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12	Blessed are those who mourn
Matthew 11:25-30	Come to me and rest
Luke 23:33, 39-43	Today you will be with me in paradise
John 3:16	everyone who lives and believes in me will never die
John 5:19-24	The Son gives life to whom he will
John 11:17-27	I am the resurrection and the life

and these stories of the Resurrection: Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; Luke 24:13-35 (especially 13-17a, 18-21, 24-27, 29b-35); John 20:1-18 (especially 1-2, 6-9, 11-18); John 20:19-23.

FOR THE FUNERAL OF A CHILD

Isaiah 11:6-9	A little child shall lead them
Psalms 103:8-18	As a father cares for his children
1 John 3:1-2	Beloved, we are God's children now